

**CLEVER ROGUES CAPTURED.**

Arrest of the Leading Forger and Bank Swindler of America.

Patrolman W. J. Loftus was standing at the corner of Broad and Market streets in Newark yesterday noon, says the New York Sun of May 15, when five men, coming from as many different directions, gathered around him. The patrolman paid little attention to the men until one of them approached him and said something in a low tone. In a moment he was all animation. Glancing across to the opposite corner of Market street he saw two well-dressed men coming from Broad street. Loftus looked at the men, and then looked at one of the five who had spoken to him. The man nodded, and the patrolman crossed the street and stopped the two men.

"Gentlemen, I am sorry to trouble you," said Loftus, "but you will have to go with me to police headquarters."

"What do you mean, sir?" indignantly asked the smaller of the two men.

"You are charged with being fugitives from justice and being handy at swindling banks," replied the Newark officer. "Just come along to police headquarters and you will probably be able to explain the whole matter."

"Indeed we will not go to police headquarters, for we are neither swindlers nor fugitives from justice," answered the man, his indignation rising to the boiling point. "If you do not stand aside and let us pass I will eliminate you from the street."

"We'll have no more talk about this matter here," said Loftus, "and if you do not come along without resistance I'll see which is the harder, your head or this loudest stick."

"There is evidently a mistake here somewhere," said the larger of the two men with a very superior air. "We will accompany this fellow just to show him before his Chief what an ass he has made of himself."

The two men and the policeman proceeded toward police headquarters, and not ten feet behind them walked the five men who had surrounded the patrolman on the corner. The group attracted the attention of the people on the streets, but they had little idea that one of the two men with the policeman was Charles Becker, the cleverest forger and bank swindler that this country has ever produced, and that the other man was James Cregan, the forger's pal. Neither did they know that the five men who formed a sort of rear guard back of the policeman and his prisoner were five Pinkerton detectives, one of whom, at least, had been on the trail of Becker and Cregan ever since the Pinkerton Agency learned that the two men were implicated with Frank L. Seaver and Joseph McCluskey in the swindling of the Nevada Bank, San Francisco, out of \$20,000 through the agency of a raised check last December.

When Becker and Cregan reached police headquarters they were searched. Upon Cregan was found \$2,307.85. He had one \$1000 bill, twelve \$100 bills and bills of smaller denomination and silver. The \$100 bills were sewed to the man's under clothing. In addition to the money Cregan carried a handsome gold watch and chain and wore a large diamond ring and diamond scarf-pin. On Becker was found \$150 in money, besides his watch and jewelry.

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